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MISSOURI RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS COUNCIL

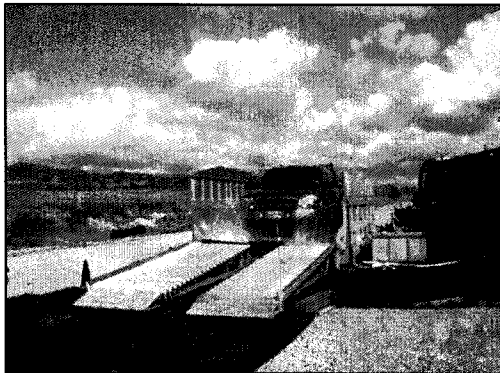
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Grassroots Representation: The Council is made up of 15 publicly-elected or appointed supervisors from the Conservation Districts along the Missouri River. Combined, these supervisors bring more than **175 years of natural resource conservation experience** to the table.

Bringing Federal \$\$\$ to Montana: Conservation Districts along the Missouri River have already helped bring more than **\$78 million** in federal and private funding to Montana for Missouri River projects – that's more than **\$106,000 per river mile!**

Cooperative Work: To achieve greater results and expand our outreach efforts, the Council partners with other groups on nearly every project.



Partnering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Rancher Stewardship Alliance, the Council ensured that more than 200 vehicles were washed prior to entering hunting areas in south Phillips County, which may have prevented up to 400,000 new weed infestations.

Advisory Work: The Council participates in three formal federal advisory groups, providing guidance and recommendations that impact over **4.3 million acres** and more than **\$3.7 million** in federal funding for Montana projects during fiscal year 2009.

Education: Conservation Districts along the Missouri River provide education to farm and ranch operators, students, small acreage landowners, realtors, recreators, hunters, and other interested citizens.

Partnering with landowners, the Council removed 21 car bodies and 2 truck loads of trash from the river near Great Falls. Afterwards, the Council helped 7th graders from the Holy Spirit Catholic School restore the site as part of their statewide "Lexus Eco-Challenge" project.



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